



August 2026 Edition

Greetings from the District Team

Membership and New Club Development

In the Classifieds this month we are promoting Membership and New Club Development. What this means to members and the opportunity we have to share Rotary with others. Please view the information provided on **Page 4** from the District Membership Team. **Make Belonging Worth Saying Yes To** Read how just three practical actions can help.

Redistricting Proposal – All clubs to vote by 2 September 2026.

Earlier this month, we provided to all Club Presidents and Secretaries, information on a Redistricting proposal for our Zone (8), to share with members. This proposal was developed by representatives from all districts in our zone. The proposal for us will create a district of 93 clubs across all of South Australia, the Northern Territory, Timor-Leste and our existing neighbouring cross-border communities of Mildura and surrounds, Broken Hill, Wentworth, and Robinvale-Euston. This proposal will not have a major impact on existing clubs in our district but will strengthen Rotary in Zone 8 for the future.

[A Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) document on Redistricting](#)

This link is available to assist with your queries and a list of the proposed new districts.
I am keen to answer any question you may have on this proposal.

RYLA – we need your support, please

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program (Age 19 to 26) will be run from 3 to 9 October this year. This is an urgent call to help fill the program. We need to locate students. We have clubs prepared to sponsor but not enough student applications.

The registrations deadline will be extended, please contact

Helen Marshall ryla.registrar@rotary9510.org 0428 711 032

Rotary Stand at the Royal Adelaide Show 5th to 13th September

Rotary Community Groups (RCG-1 & RCG-3) are exhibiting Rotary through a collaborative promotional project. 108 shifts covered by 100 Rotary members across the 9 days.

We'll be at **Stand E21 in the Jubilee Hall**. Pop by to see us.

Every club should be preparing to be 'new member' ready. Look out for the new member booklet being sent to clubs by their RCL. RCLs will be contacting Presidents and membership chairs as they follow up with a membership response strategy during and post-show.

Warrnambool 16-18 April 2027 – Multi District Conference

On the District Website, please consider registering early for the 2027 Multi District Conference in Warrnambool. **Early bird registrations** and information on accommodation options are now available via this link. [Home | Multi District Conference 2027](#)

Why not turn the Conference weekend into a Rotary holiday? Plan early !!

Please inspire others to join Rotary and "Create Lasting Impact"

Tim Mee

District Governor 2026-27

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Send your classifieds to classifieds@rotary9510.org by 7th of the Month

CREATE LASTING IMPACT



2026 DATES

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE:
15/8/26

PROGRAM DATES:
3rd - 9th October 2026

GRADUATION DINNER:
Thursday 8/10/26
@Marche Club, Paradise

Contact: ryla@rotary9510.org



"As we move into the new financial year (and where did the last one go?), RAWCS is looking forward to a host of new initiatives and opportunities. The Airbnb partnership - details below - show one more way we, and Rotary clubs throughout Australia, can bring help and hope to those impacted by disasters. Please also spare a thought for Venezuela and the tragedy that continues to unfold there. The disaster fund we have set up will be spent in conjunction with local Venezuelan Rotary clubs."

HEATHER CHONG, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN



TO READ THIS NEWSLETTER

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MEMBERSHIP MONTH: MAKE BELONGING WORTH SAYING YES TO

August is Membership and New Club Development Month. It is a useful prompt to invite people into Rotary—but it is also a chance to ask a more important question: are we creating a club experience people genuinely want to join, contribute to and remain part of?

A discussion with fellow District Governors-Elect tonight reinforced a theme that has also emerged in recent conversations across our district: sustainable growth is rarely the result of a single campaign. It comes from clubs where people find purpose, friendship and a meaningful place to contribute.

Rotary International's membership research points in the same direction. Club experience is the strongest driver of member satisfaction. People may arrive through an invitation, a project or a professional connection, but service and friendship are central to why they stay. Attraction and retention are therefore not separate challenges—they are two parts of the same member journey.

That starts with listening. Ask members what they value, what frustrates them and what would make their Rotary experience more worthwhile. Use Rotary's Member Satisfaction Survey, or simply devote part of a meeting to a candid "stop, start, continue" conversation.

The important step is not collecting feedback; it is showing that the club has heard it and is prepared to respond.

We also need to make our welcome more deliberate. No prospective member should be left without a clear contact or next step. A personal reply within 48 hours, followed by an invitation to one specific meeting, project, coffee or conversation within seven days, is far more effective than sending a generic information pack. Once someone joins, a mentor, an early opportunity to serve and regular check-ins can make the difference between merely enrolling a member and helping them belong.

Membership development also means being honest about where established club models no longer fit the community around them. Starting a new club, satellite, cause-based group or other flexible model is not a judgement on existing clubs. It is a way of extending Rotary to people whose schedules, interests or communities are not currently being reached. New options must still be built carefully, with sound mentoring, induction, leadership support and a clear purpose. A half-hearted launch creates activity; a well-supported launch creates a sustainable Rotary community.

Clubs do not need to start with a blank page. The District 9510 Membership Resources page brings together practical material on developing a club membership plan, welcoming new members through their first 90 days, and establishing new, satellite, passport and corporate membership models. It also includes Rotary Learning Centre guidance, the 2025 Membership Summit recordings and links to regional resources.

Visit <https://rotary9510.org/page/membership-resources> or contact the District Membership Team at membership@rotary9510.org for support.

During August, I encourage every club to take three practical actions:

- 1. Ask one current member what would make their Rotary experience stronger—and act on what you hear.**
- 2. Invite one person to a specific Rotary experience that matches their interests, rather than simply asking them to attend a meeting.**
- 3. Identify one part of your community that Rotary is not currently reaching, and consider what a different pathway into service might look like.**

Growing Rotary is not simply about increasing a number. It is about enabling more people to experience purposeful service, genuine friendship, personal growth and the extraordinary reach of our global network.

If we make belonging worthwhile, growth follows.



Celebrating the Leaders You Helped Shape!



2026 Graduation Dinner



This evening recognises the young leaders who have completed their journey and the Rotarians who made it possible.

Thursday 8th October 2026

Marche Club Function Centre
49 George Road, Paradise

6pm for a 6:30pm start

*\$55 per head for 2 course meal + tea & coffee
Bar facilities available*

RSVP via TryBooking by 4th October 2026
LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

TryBooking Link:
<https://www.trybooking.com/DNUVW>



Any queries to Alexandra James 0455 502 722

Governance Assistance

District 9510 has developed a suite of tools to assist Clubs with their governance, insurance, risk management, and protection requirements. These are particularly important for incoming presidents and their boards, and are available on the [district website](#).

These tools include:

- Governance Checklist
- Club Constitution Templates (for each state)
- Conflict, Dispute & Complaint Handling Process Guidance
- 2026 Insurance, Risk & Protection Handbook and associated forms
- Protection Policy

Club's should ensure that their Club Constitution is up to date and reflect 2025 changes to RI's standard club constitution and registered with Consumer and Business Services.

The Protection Policy is currently undergoing a comprehensive overhaul and is expected to be released to Clubs later this year. This will be complemented by training and resources to support Clubs in implementing the new policy.

Suggestions for further resources, or feedback on existing ones, are always welcome. Please contact Andrew Johnson at rotary@akjohnson.com.au.



Rotary Promotional Ute

Do you need a ute to promote a Rotary event?



Rotary 
District 9510

Contact David Fenton to learn more about opportunities to promote your event.

Christmas parades, annual shows, fundraisers, art shows, the opportunities are endless.

Drive it and promote the work of Rotary.

Email David - promoute@rotary9510.org



Vehicle supplied by Paradise Mazda



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS NOW OPEN

The Service Clubs Association of SA (SCASA) committee would like to express their sincere gratitude to all members of Service Clubs in South Australia for all the amazing projects and activities that they undertake to help improve and enhance the communities of South Australia.

Each year the committee of representatives from Kiwanis, Lions C1 & C2 , Rotary 9510 , Soroptimist and Zonta work together to plan an event to celebrate and acknowledge the outstanding work of Clubs.

Applications are now open and will close on the 31st October 2026.

All you need to do is tell us in 500 words about your projects / activities in the areas of Health, Youth, Environment, Event, Sustainable Management , Community Activity and Social Inclusion
There is also the opportunity to nominate an Adult , Young Person or School who have shown excellent volunteer community service .

Thanks to a grant supplied by the office of the Premier and Cabinet we will be able to offer monetary prizes to winning entries

An Independent panel of judges will review all the applications

Please go to our website www.scasa.org.au and complete the online application form. Its that easy and you will also promote your Club's work to others whilst potentially making some extra funds for your Club
If you require further information please contact Chair Bronwyn Heard
On 0417197219 or email to bheard167@gmail.com



Whakatū Rotary NZ

Graham Fussen Legacy



I am our club website's content creator. Our website team was saddened to learn of Graham's death in March. He was such a great help and support in launching our new website late last year.

I was thinking of him over the weekend as I attended our district changeover and award ceremony, at which Whakatū Rotary was awarded the District Website of the Year trophy. It is down to Graham's passion for his Rotary website work that we attained this so soon after launching the website and I am sorry he is not here to learn about it. However, I wonder if you could please pass on the club's thanks to the rest of his team, who also helped out. We really appreciated all the support in getting the website up and running. The trophy belongs as much to your team as it does to Whakatū Rotary.

Above image is a photo of me with the trophy (noting that D9980 merged with D9970 five years ago to become the current D9999).

Many thanks.

Karen

Karen Stade



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Youth Sailing Challenge

Next Sailing Challenge:
27 Sept - 1 October 2026



Do you, or someone connected to your club know a young person aged 15 to 18 years that would benefit from facing the life-changing challenges experienced from learning to safely sail a tall ship at sea? Would your club sponsor them?

Cost to club : \$1290

For more information visit www.youthsailing.com.au
or contact:

David Binks 0438 221 937 or Don Will 0414 645 402

Check out our video at <https://vimeo.com/828257288>



New Shelterbag Stock Has Arrived!

Another container of Shelterbags has arrived in Australia.

A local stock of 200 Shelterbags will soon be available. Future orders will be taken on request while stocks last. Pickup from RARE Edinburgh.

Freight charges have increased but we are still waiting for the final bill before declaring the new price.

A small amount of stock is still available at \$100/bag.



Thank you to all our partner Rotary clubs for their recent Shelterbag distribution across metropolitan and regional South Australia as we continue to expand our network.

Tax deductible donations can be made via our RAWCS project website:

<https://directory.rawcs.com.au/80-2022-23>

If your club is interested in joining as a partner club, or to find out more – contact:

Jenny Leadbeater M. 0404 247 803 or Richard Tucker (Project Manager) M. 0429 339 879

Or use our new Shelterbag email address: shelterbags@gawlerlightrotary.org



END POLIO

End Polio - Zone/International update

POLIO IN NUMBERS

Year – Global totals (data @ 29 Jul 2026)	2026 ytd	2025	2024
Wild Polio Virus (WPV)	18	52	99
circulating Vaccine Derived Polio Virus (cVDPV)	95	241	463

The synchronized effort (across countries) reflects a simple but powerful reality - Poliovirus does not stop at borders, and neither can the response.

NEWS/COMMENTARY

“Polio will come roaring back if the task of eradicating it isn’t finished soon

- *Eliminating polio is within reach — if countries see it as an essential public-health priority.*

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) is facing funding challenges from its international donors. At the same time, vulnerable countries are deprioritizing polio and focusing on more-immediate problems, including maintaining public budgets at a time when the US–Iran conflict is worsening inflation.

....failure will unleash a fresh wave of polio transmission, and the world cannot afford to let that happen.”

(Nature, 29 July 2026)

What's worth doing right now

- **Check your own Polio vaccination status**, particularly if you travel internationally.
- **Have the conversation** with members, project partners, politicians, community, friends **about why ending Polio matters**.
- **Keep funding**, we are closer to eradication than we have ever been. This is not the time to ease off.

All Club Presidents

Please **commit a Club Goal to End Polio** for the new 2026/27 Rotary year.

Individuals

Any donation over \$2 will be entitled for a tax deduction.



Every \$ donated through Rotary will receive \$2 from the Gates Foundation to assist in the drive to end Polio in the world.

3 August 2026

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Subject: District Governor's appeal on behalf of ROMAC

Dear Rotary Club Presidents of District 9510,

I am writing to ask for your club's support for Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC)

As you may know, ROMAC is a multi-district project of the Rotary Districts of Australia and New Zealand and is a charity which embodies the true spirit of Rotary service.

ROMAC brings hope to children across Oceania by providing lifesaving and life changing surgery when treatment is not available in their home countries. Meet some of the children and families whose lives have been transformed through ROMAC at <https://www.romac.life/patient-stories>

Please make your tax-deductible donations (clubs and individuals) at <https://www.romac.life/donate> with 100% of every dollar going directly to saving children.

ROMAC would love to have the opportunity to present to a club meeting about the work ROMAC does. Please get in touch at <https://www.romac.life/contact>

ROMAC's work is only possible with the support of generous Rotarians like yourself.

Thank you for your time and your ongoing support of ROMAC.

Yours in Rotary,
Rajeev Kamineni
District Governor



QUIZ NIGHT



Challenge & Fun
GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON
If all is lost
HIT THE WINE WALL
And keep having fun

BYO NIBBLES, GLASSES &
DRINKS OR.....'BUY FROM
THE AMAZING WINE WALL



Supporting
Rotary Youth Programs



\$25/person
\$15/Student
\$220/Table of 10

<https://tinyurl.com/4vwwxc68>

SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST

7:00 PM

**Fullarton Park Community Centre
411 Fullarton Rd, Fullarton**



Rotary Club of Coromandel Valley

GIANT PLANT SALE

WAITE STREET RESERVE BLACKWOOD

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 8.30 – 1.30

HUGE VARIETY, GREAT PRICES, FROM \$5.00



Our next plant sale will be **24th October 2026**



Australian Rotary Health movie fundraiser

Sunday 13th September 2026

*The Regal Cinema, Kensington Road
Kensington Park*

Arrive 1.30pm for movie at 2.00pm



& Sons is a sweeping yet deeply intimate portrait of family, inheritance, and the fragile ties that shape identity. When world-renowned but reclusive novelist Andrew Dyer (Bill Nighy) summons his estranged children to New York, the reunion sparks a collision of grief, memory, and long-buried secrets. As the brothers navigate their father's towering shadow, questions of legacy, love, and belonging rise to the surface with piercing urgency. Anchored by Nighy's elegant and layered performance, the film is elevated by a remarkable ensemble: George MacKay, Noah Jupe, and Johnny Flynn embody the fractured sons with unflinching vulnerability, capturing the raw ache of rivalry and reconciliation. Imelda Staunton brings depth and warmth as Isabel Platt, a figure who threads together past and present, while Dominic West delivers a quietly riveting turn that hints at hidden truths within the Dyer family. With luminous cinematography and a score that resonates long after the final frame, & Sons is a stirring meditation on the stories we inherit—and the ones we choose to write anew.

Tickets \$25 person

<https://www.trybooking.com/DOBJQ>

Each ticket will include a glass of bubbles or orange juice and snacks on arrival

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase.

All funds raised will be donated to Australian Rotary Health mental health research



“HEALTH OF THE RIVER” 2026 ROTARY YOUTH FORUM

MONDAY 14th – FRIDAY 18th September, 2026

CALPERUM STATION, Renmark, South Australia

OPEN TO YEAR 9 and 10 STUDENTS

Are you curious about the Natural World ?

Are you interested in Ecology and the Environment?

Are you interested in protecting the Environment?



This 5 day forum provides hands on learning and mentoring from specialist ecologists and researchers on a working conservation and research property, with an emphasis on “River Health”

Supported by Rotary Clubs, the forum provides transport, accommodation, meals and exceptional learning experiences.

Activities will include a focus on sustainable water management and irrigation practices, salinity issues and environmental flows, conservation, land degradation and rehabilitation and more.

<https://rotary9510.org/sitepage/youth/health-of-the-river-forum>

Cost for local Rotary Club: \$800

Additional fee from student (family): \$50

Enquiries: Registrar Mary-Anne Hannay Ph: 0402 247 462

Email: healthoftheriver@rotary9510.org

Date: 11 March 2026





Henry Olonga

listen to his beautiful tenor voice
in story and song

Presented by **Rotary**
Club of Morphett Vale



Wednesday 14 October 2026
10.00am-11.30am



**South Adelaide Football Club
Peter Darley Room
1 Lovelock Dr, Noarlunga Downs**



**\$25 per person
incl tea/coffee, scones jam and cream**



To book please scan the QR code
or go to
<https://www.trybooking.com/DODAI>



Proceeds will benefit our local projects

morphettvalerotary@gmail.com



End Polio

an opportunity to participate in a hands-on way.

You know what it's about. You've seen the life altering drops in the promo images and movies.

Here's your chance to get involved and tag a T-shirt; Been there: Done that.

October or November 2026 Travel to D3110 India, join other dedicated Rotarians to deliver those essential Polio drops at one of three 7 or 13 day polio trips, plus options of pre and post tours to Nepal and/or Bhutan.

Use this link to see more info and to register.

<https://worldpolioday.agrataimahalrotary.org/default.aspx>

I'd love for some of our D9510 Rotarians to represent the District.

Be adventurous and make a positive difference to children's lives.

For more info - Foundation Chair, Peter Schaefer 0407977345

foundationchair@rotary9510.org

This could be you...



Expression Of Interest



Rotary Tour Cows for Cambodia

13 - 24 January 2027

Below are the essential details. More information will follow once we have enough volunteers to proceed.

- ✓ 10 days total
- ✓ 2 days in Phnom Penh
8 days in Siem Reap

Join us for a
trip of a lifetime



Approx. Cost

**A\$4,900 per
person twin share**

**+A\$500 for solo
travellers**



Included in Cost

- All airfares
- 5-star accommodation in both cities
- Daily breakfasts
- Activity entry costs (museums, aquarium excursion with local schoolchildren, key sites in both cities)
- One house build
- One rice run 150 x 25kg sacks



Key Duties

- Visit *Cows for Cambodia's* farm and villages, help unload hay and feed cows in the community program
- Enjoy daily hands-on village activities
- Free time for optional sightseeing (e.g. elephants, massage, Pub Street)
- Dinners at own cost

- ✓ If you're interested—or would like to know more—please contact:
Alison Howlett 0451138709
International Committee member, Rotary Club of West Lakes
- ✓ Ideal group size: 25-30 participants (we already have 10 confirmed)
REGISTER YOUR INTEREST by end of August to secure your spot!



Food Service Caravan

Rotary Stirling is offering other Rotary clubs the opportunity to acquire a well-appointed food service caravan.

The van has good cooking facilities and refrigerator all in good condition. It is equipped with an awning over the servery.

The club is seeking expressions of interest to acquire the van.

Interested clubs can contact Rotary Stirling President, Darren Flew by email in the first instance: darrenflew@outlook.com



Interplast

You could help change a child's future in just two hours

Right now, children like Risati in Samoa are waiting. At just 3 years old, he has already undergone two surgeries for a cleft lip and palate—and still needs further surgery on his hands to live a full, independent life. Risati's is not an isolated story



Risati with his dad after his cleft lip and palate surgeries

For many of us here in Australia or New Zealand, access to safe surgery is something we rarely think about. But across parts of the Pacific and South-East Asia, conditions that are routinely treated in Australia or New Zealand can leave children and adults facing a lifetime of pain, disability, and stigma.

That's why the work of INTERPLAST matters so deeply.

Since being co-founded by Rotary in 1983, INTERPLAST has helped deliver more than 23,000 life-changing surgeries and trained local clinicians to continue that care within their own communities.

They are the direct result of Rotary clubs quietly working together to create lasting change.

Across 2025 and 2026, Rotary clubs throughout Australia and New Zealand have funded:

- ✦ Surgical and training programs in Bhutan and Tonga
- ✦ Nurse education workshops in Vanuatu, Samoa, Tonga, and Kiribati
- ✦ Online specialist training for allied health clinicians across the Pacific

The impact reaches far beyond one patient:

- A child can eat, speak, and smile without stigma
- A burns survivor can regain independence
- Local clinicians gain skills that strengthen healthcare for entire communities

But children like Risati are still waiting.

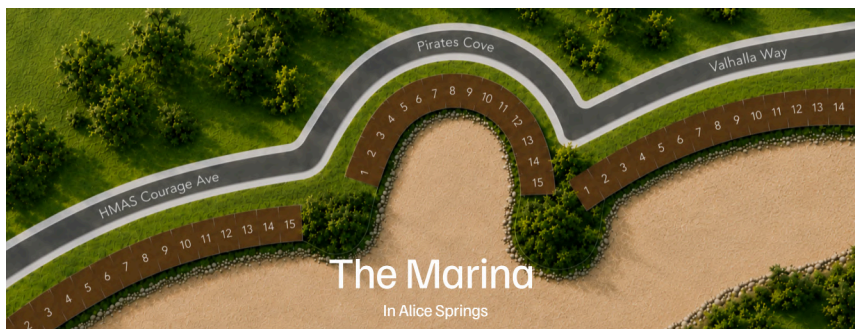
\$1500 from a Rotary club can fund surgery for a child like him: transforming not only their health, but their future.

As we approach the end of the Rotary year, this is a powerful opportunity to make a real difference.

Could your club help change the next life?

For more information about INTERPLAST please go to <https://interplast.org.au> or reach out to Marie-louise 0408 134 36





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Henley on Todd Regatta 2026 – Where the Rivers Are Dry, but the Fun Overflows!

Get ready for one of Australia's most unique and iconic events as the **Henley on Todd Regatta** returns to **Keena Park, Alice Springs, on Saturday 15 August 2026**.

Known around the world as the regatta with **no water**, the Henley on Todd Regatta transforms the dry sandy bed of the Todd River into a day of laughter, community spirit and unforgettable entertainment.

Where the rivers are dry, but the fun overflows!

Whether you're a local, visitor, Rotary member or simply looking for a fantastic family day out, there is something for everyone:

- Food and drink stalls
- Live entertainment
- Children's activities
- The famous Hamster Wheel competition
- Battle of the Boats
- Novelty races and competitions

The Henley on Todd Regatta is more than just a great day of fun. Every dollar raised helps support valuable community projects delivered by the **Rotary Club of Alice Springs, Rotary Club of Stuart Alice Springs, and Rotary Club of Alice Springs Mbantua**.

So, gather your family, friends and fellow Rotary members. and head to Keena Park on 15 August. Bring your sense of humour, your community spirit and, if you're brave enough, your own boat!

Henley on Todd Regatta 2026



Saturday 15 August 2026



Keena Park, Alice Springs



Where the rivers are dry, but the fun overflows!

All proceeds support community projects through the Rotary Club of Alice Springs, Rotary Club of Stuart Alice Springs and Rotary Club of Alice Springs Mbantua.

